

Bishop G. L. Blackwell, A.M., S.T.D.
A. M. E. Zion Church

Residence: Philadelphia, Pa.

BISHOP BLACKWELL was born in Henderson, N. C., July 31, 1861. He was converted in 1876; licensed to preach in 1879, and became a member of the North Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in 1881. He was pastor of many prominent churches and was eminently successful.

He succeeded the late Bishop J. B. Small as editor of the *Missionary Seer*. He was elected bishop in May, 1908.

Bishop J. Albert Johnson, D.D.
A. M. E. Church

Residence: Sierra Leone, South Africa

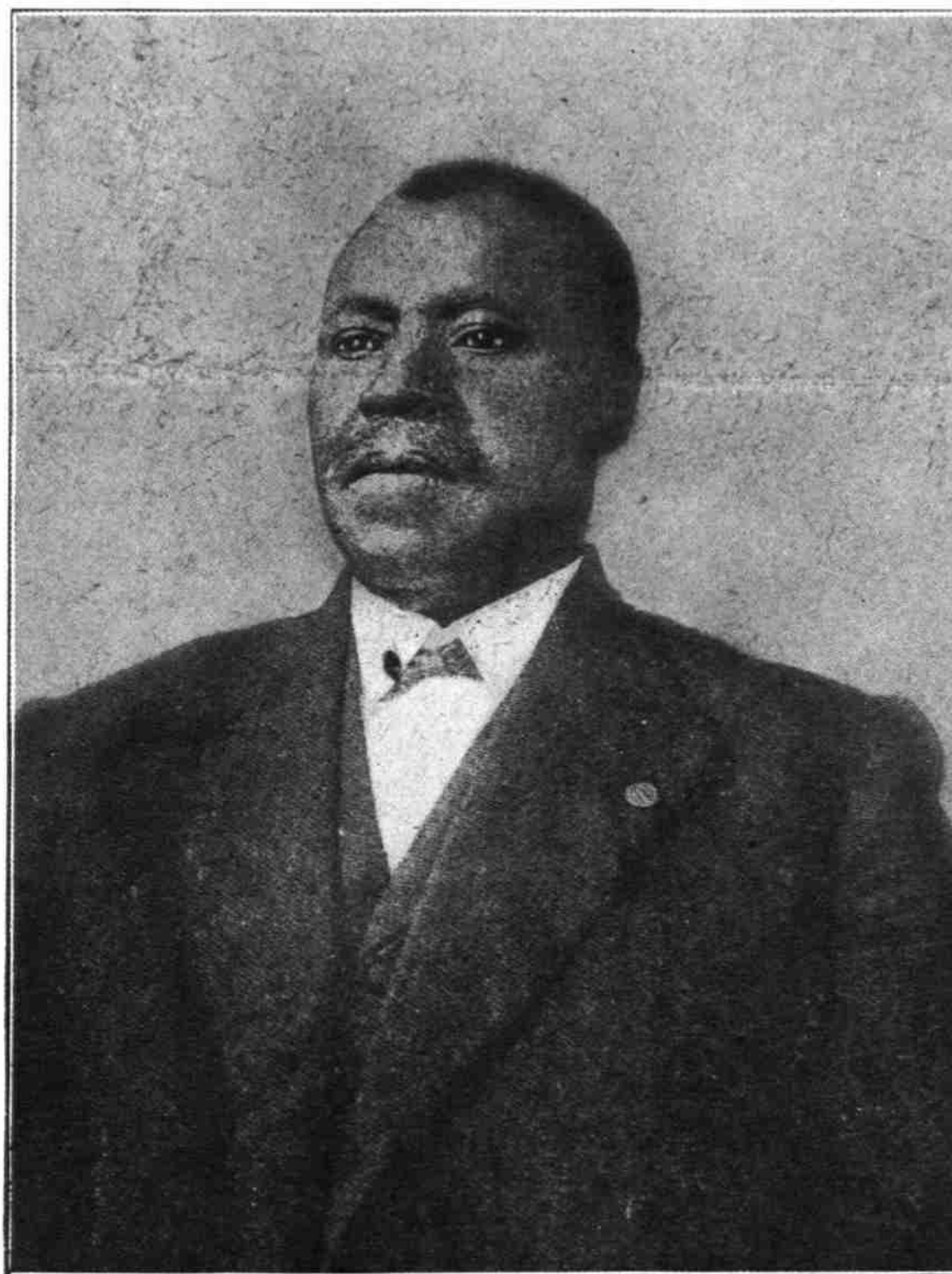
BISHOP JOHNSON was elected at the General Conference of 1908.

It was understood at the time of his election that he would go to South Africa and remain in that field for at least three quadrenniums to organize the church wherever possible in that land.

Following his almost unanimous election to the episcopacy, he sailed for Africa and has served "in labors abundant" for more than a year.

He has reorganized the church educational institution at Cape Town, the Bethel Institute, and it is now in excellent condition. There are four conferences organized, with more than three hundred preachers engaged in the work of the denomination.

Bishop Johnson was born in Canada and was educated in the schools of the Dominion. He is considered one of the best Bible scholars of the church, and during his five years as pastor of the Metropolitan Church, Washington, he had the reputation of being one of the leading pulpit orators of the city. While he is in Africa his family resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.



Bishop A. J. Warner, D.D.
A. M. E. Zion Church

Residence: Charlotte, N. C.

BISHOP WARNER was born in Washington, Ky., March 4, 1850. As a boy he saw service during the Civil War. He was converted in 1873 and licensed to preach in 1874.

He was much interested in public affairs and received at one time the nomination for governor of Alabama. He was on two occasions offered the position of presidential elector from Alabama, but refused because of his church work and other activities.

The pastorates of Dr. Warner were noted for their revivals, financial success, and popular work in the affairs of the church. He received the degree of D.D. from Livingstone College. He was elected bishop in 1908.

NOTE. — Since page 385 was printed, sketches or pictures of the eight bishops have been received, making thirty-one in all. We regret that we cannot present the picture of Bishop Johnson, of the A. M. E. Church.